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"Attack on Titan" Character Introductions

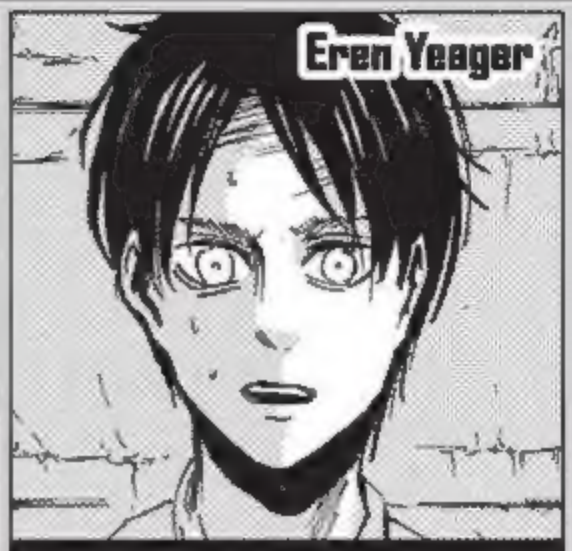
104th TRAINING CORPS

Armin Arlert

Eren and Mikasa's childhood friend. Though Armin isn't athletic in the least, he is an excellent thinker and can produce unique ideas.

Mikasa Ackerman

Mikasa graduated at the top of her training corps. Her parents were murdered before her eyes when she was a child. After that, she was raised alongside Eren, whom she tenaciously tries to protect.

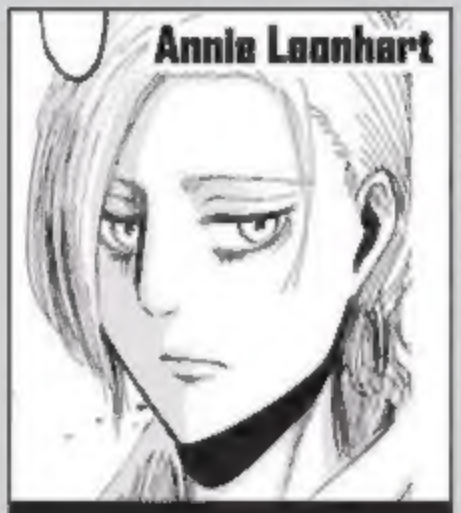


Eren Yeager

Longing for the world outside the wall, Eren aims to join the Survey Corps. He can turn himself into a Titan.

Jean Kirstein

Superior at vertical maneuvering, Jean is honest to a fault, which often puts him at odds with other people.

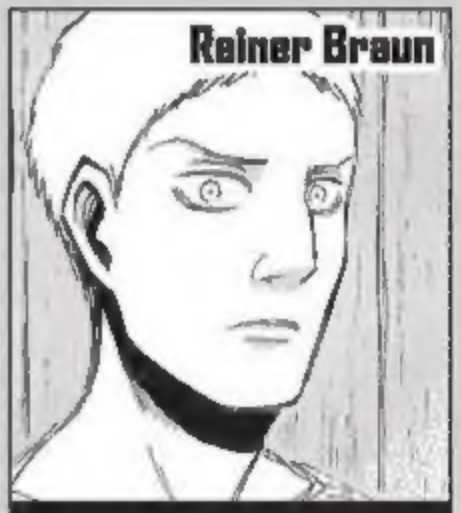


Annie Leonhart

Annie's small stature belies her great skill in the art of hand-to-hand combat. She's a realist through and through, and tends to be a loner.

Bertolt Hoover

Has a high degree of skill in everything he's been taught, but is indecisive and lacks initiative.



Reiner Braun

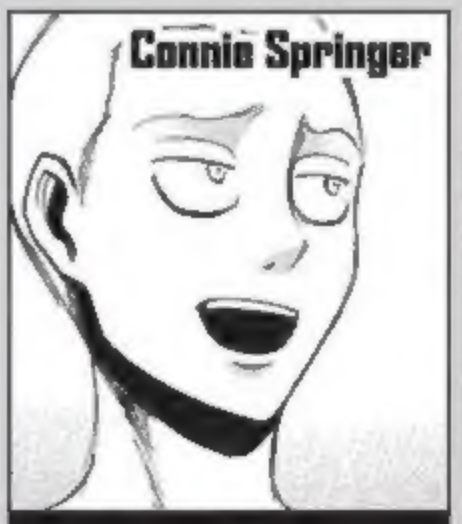
Graduated second in his training corps. Reiner is as strong as an ox and has the will to match. His comrades have a great deal of trust in him.

Krista Lenz

Extremely short, with a friendly, warm-hearted personality.

Sasha Blouse

Sasha is very agile and has remarkable instincts. Owing to her unconventionality, she isn't suited for organized activity.

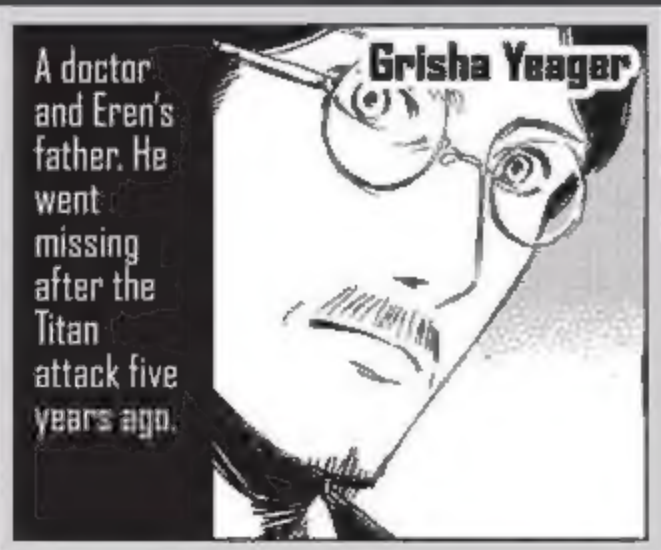


Connie Springer

Effective at vertical maneuvering, but slow on the uptake, so his comprehension of tactics is less than stellar.

Marco Bott

Yearned to join the Military Police Brigade so he could serve the king. Marco died during the Titan mop-up operation.

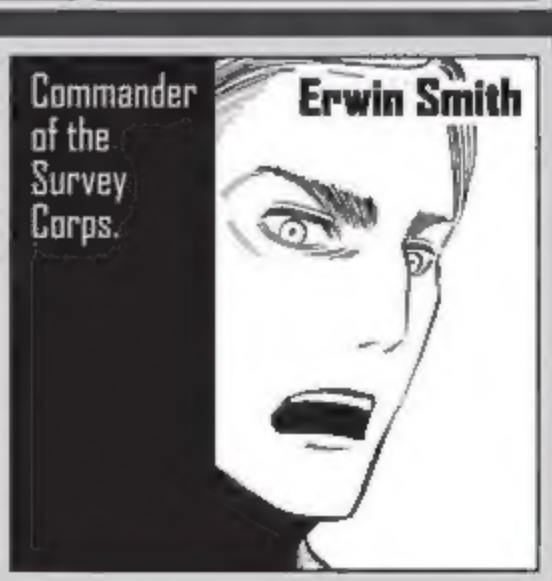


Grisha Yeager

A doctor and Eren's father. He went missing after the Titan attack five years ago.

Levi

Captain of the Survey Corps, said to be the strongest human alive.



Erwin Smith

Commander of the Survey Corps.

BY BUILDING THICK WALLS, HUMANITY OBTAINED TERRITORY AND PEACE OF MIND.

A CENTURY AGO, HUMANKIND WAS PUSHED TO THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION BY ITS NATURAL ENEMY, THE TITANS.

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BUT NOT ALL HUMANS ARE WILLING TO SETTLE FOR THE "WORLD BEHIND THE WALLS."

THERE ARE THOSE WHO LEAVE THIS SANCTUARY AND VENTURE FORTH INTO TITAN TERRITORY.

THIS IS THE ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE SURVEY CORPS.

TAK TAK TAK

CLATTER

CLATTER

KACHA

KACHA

SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE

SCRIBBLE

IN COMMAND OF THE LEFT FLANK OF THE 2ND BRIGADE. ON THE WAY BACK, ENCOUNTERED A TITAN.

I AM ILSE LANGNAR. TAKING PART IN THE 34TH EXPEDITION OUTSIDE THE WALL.

FWIP

...AND RAN NORTH.

LOST SQUADMATES AND HORSES. ABANDONED MY BROKEN VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT...

AND HUMAN LEGS AREN'T FAST ENOUGH TO ESCAPE FROM A TITAN.

I LOST MY HORSE OUTSIDE THE WALL IN TITAN-CON-TROLLED TERRI-TORY.

PRO-SPECTS OF RETURN ...

... AND SURVIVAL SEEM HOPELESS.

I'VE BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS SITUATION SINCE I APPLIED TO THE SURVEY CORPS.

YES... THIS IS NO TIME TO GIVE IN TO FEAR.

STILL... I MAY MAKE IT BACK TO THE WALL, IF I DON'T ENCOUNTER ANY TITANS.

EVEN IF IT MEANS LAYING DOWN OUR LIVES, WE FIGHT TO THE END.

I AM A MEMBER OF THE SURVEY CORPS, THE WINGS OF HUMANITY. WE DO NOT FEAR DEATH.

I WILL RECORD WHAT HAPPENS TO ME ON THIS PAPER, AND I WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN. I WILL NOT SUCCUMB.

I HAVE NO WEAPONS, BUT I CAN STILL FIGHT.

I WILL NOT **SUCCUMB.**

RRWW

THUD

HNH ...

BAM

HAH

HAH

HAH

HAH

I...

SHIVER SHIVER

HFFF

HFFF

HFFF

SHIVER SHIVER

I... I... WILL NOT... SUCCUMB ...

TITAN ENCOUNTER-ED.

LIKELY AN ABNORMAL ...

HEFF

6-METER* CLASS... IT DOESN'T EAT ME RIGHT AWAY...

HEFF

NGH!!

* ABOUT 20 FEET.

I'VE DONE ONLY WHAT I WANTED TO DO... HAVEN'T GIVEN ANYTHING BACK TO MY PARENTS...

THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE FOR ME.

...OF... Y... MIR...

...A SUB... JECT ...

OOH ... OOH ...

I FEEL SICK.

IT'S OVER.

RUSH

DID YOU JUST ..

...

LADY ...

... YMIR ...

...

SCRIBBLE

IT SPOKE ...

WELL ... MET ...

NO MISTAKE. IT SAID, "A SUBJECT OF YMIR," "LADY YMIR," AND... "WELL MET."

THE TITAN SPOKE. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE... IT PRODUCED WORDS THAT HAD MEANING.

I COMMUNI-CATED WITH A TITAN.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HUMAN HISTORY...

IT FELL TO ITS HANDS AND KNEES, AS IF TO SHOW ME RESPECT.

THIS TITAN'S FACE CHANG-ES EX-PRES-SIONS.

ASKED THE TITAN ABOUT ITS NATURE.

W-WHAT ARE YOU?

OONH...

WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

ASKED ABOUT ITS ORIGINS.

IT DIDN'T FORM WORDS.

OONH...

OONH

IT MOAN-ED.

ASKED ABOUT ITS PURPOSE.

WHY DO YOU EAT US?

OONH...

NO RE-SPONSE.

OONH...

AREN'T YOU JUST MINDLESS, WORTH-LESS LUMPS OF MEAT?!

YOU DON'T NEED TO EAT ANYTHING TO LIVE!! SO WHY?!

WHY DO YOU EAT US?!

SHUUU

RIP RIP RIP RIP

OOH..

OOGH..

GET OUT OF OUR WORLD !!

RUSH

WHAT ..?!

WHAT IS IT?!

RIP

RIP RIP

WHA ...?

WHY?!

GOOOO

WHAT HAP-PENED ...?!

TAK

TAK

HAH

HAH

HAH

HAH

WHUMP

WHUMP

BOOM!

SHUUUU

AAAH!

AAAHH!

EEEE!!

SNAP

...

...

NGH!

CRUNCH

...

...

SNAP

CRUNCH

THIS ARMBAND IS FROM THE 34TH EXPEDITION ...

FWOOOO

IT'D BE DANGER-OUS TO HANG AROUND HERE ANY LONGER.

LET'S JUST COLLECT HER JACKET.

ILSE LANGNAR

THEN THIS SOLDIER DIED A YEAR AGO... NAMED...

...IS WHAT ILSE LANGNAR DIED FOR.

THIS...

LEVI?

WHAT'S THAT?

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THE INTERIOR WAS IN A STATE OF CONFUSION, JUST LIKE FIVE YEARS AGO.

AND TROST DISTRICT WAS TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED BY TITANS...

...BUT A DO-OR-DIE OPERATION TO TAKE BACK THE TERRITORY HAS SUCCEEDED, AND THE GATE WAS SEALED.

THE COLOSSUS TITAN HAD DESTROYED THE SOUTHERN GATE OF TROST DISTRICT...

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THEY'RE SPREADING THOSE LIES AROUND TO KEEP US COMMONERS IN THE INTERIOR IN THE DARK!

OF COURSE, IT'S ALL LIES! THIS IS ROYAL PROPA-GANDA.

THE WALL WAS "SEALED?" HOW'D THEY MANAGE THAT?!

THE TITANS STILL INSIDE TROST DISTRICT ARE NOW BEING HUNTED DOWN...

TERRIBLE NEWS FROM THE MER-CHANTS!

MURMUR

THE BASTARDS FROM OUTSIDE THE WALL ARE ALREADY RUSHING THROUGH WALL SHEENA!

H-HEY... WHAT THE HELL DOES THIS MEAN...?

AND WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE THE **MONARCHY'S** INFORMATION IS CORRECT?!

THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION? CAN WE BELIEVE INFORMATION THAT ISN'T CERTIFIED BY THE MONARCHY?!

...WITH A BOULDER!

IT SAYS... A TITAN SEALED UP THE GATE...

ARE THEY SAYING A TITAN WAS ON **OUR** SIDE..?

WHAT DOES **THAT** MEAN ...?

CLANG

HUFF ..

...

HEY

SOME WATER, PLEASE.

...

YOU JUST WENT!

I NEED TO USE THE TOILET ..

EX-CUSE ME.

...

OF COURSE, HE ISN'T WRONG...

MONSTER, HUH...?

...

RE-MEM-BER YOUR PLACE ...

...YOU MON-STER.

WELL, I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE... I DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND IT MYSELF.

...BUT AM I SO TERRIFYING THAT THEY HAD TO SHACKLE ME LIKE THIS?

...WEREN'T THE LEAST BIT SCARED OF ME.

...THOSE TWO...

COME TO THINK OF IT...

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST BE HAPPY THEY HAVEN'T KILLED ME.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHERS...?

WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW...?

WE'LL TRY TO SPEAK TO SOME-ONE.

PLEASE ENDURE THIS FOR JUST A WHILE LONGER.

WHAT WOULD ALL OF THEM THINK IF THEY SAW ME NOW?

WHAT'S HAPPENING OUTSIDE...? DON'T TELL ME...

HOW MANY DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THEN?

...I'M GOING TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE IN HERE...?

KACHA

CREAK

!

CLOP CLOP

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU CAN FINALLY GET OUT OF HERE.

EREN, I'M SORRY ...

WE KEPT YOU WAIT-ING.

...!

CLOP CLOP CLOP

... AND HE'S ...

I'M ZOË HANGE, A SQUAD LEADER IN THE SURVEY CORPS...

HE'S MIKE ZACHARIAS, ALSO A SQUAD LEADER.

...

SNIFF SNIFF

...

HE ALWAYS SMELLS PEOPLE WHEN HE FIRST MEETS THEM...

SNIFF SNIFF

U-UM ...

...

...AND THEN SNEERS.

HMM

!

OH!

?

BELIEVE ME, HIS SKILL AS A SQUAD LEADER OUTWEIGHS HIS QUIRKS...

IT PROBABLY DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING.

HUH?

AC-TUALLY, MAYBE IT'S BETTER THAT I DIDN'T EXPLAIN.

KACHA

SORRY... I TALK TOO MUCH.

THIS IS IT ALREADY. ...BUT DON'T WORRY!

JUST TELL THEM EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL.

...BUT ALL WE CAN DO IS BELIEVE IN YOU.

MAYBE I SHOULDN'T SAY THIS...

I'VE BEEN IN THE DUNGEON BELOW THE COURT-ROOM ALL THIS TIME...?

A COURT-ROOM ?!

...

KACHA

KEEP WALKING, SLOWLY.

...

CLANG

GET DOWN THERE.

HM ...?!

... CAP-TAIN LEVI...

COM-MAND-ER ERWIN ...

COM-MAND-ER PIXIS...

THE LEADER OF THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE ...

YOU'RE HERE...

WELL... LET'S BEGIN.

RATTLE

AS A SOLDIER, YOU'VE PLEDGED YOUR LIFE TO SERVE THE PUBLIC. CORRECT?

YOU ARE EREN YEAGER, YES?

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DARIUS ZACKLY...

THAT MAN'S THE HEAD OF ALL THREE MILITARY BRANCHES...

ULTIMATE AUTHORITY HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO ME...

REGULAR LAW CANNOT APPLY IN THESE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THEREFORE, THIS WILL BE A MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

WHAT AM I ON TRIAL FOR?

YES, SIR...

WAIT A SECOND...

DO YOU HAVE ANY OBJEC-TIONS?

NO, SIR!

EVEN OVER YOUR LIFE.

NOW, I WILL ASK YOU ONLY ONCE.

THERE ARE THOSE ...

NOW, THIS UNPRECEDENTED CASE HAS GIVEN RISE TO MANY CONFLICTING, PASSIONATE ARGUMENTS BEHIND THESE WALLS.

I'M GLAD THAT YOU UNDER-STAND.

AND OTHERS CONSIDER YOU A SAVIOR WHO WILL BRING HOPE TO THE HUMAN RACE.

...WHO CALL YOU A DEMON THAT WILL LEAD US TO DESTRUCTION.

WHEN WE ARE EVENTUALLY FORCED TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT YOU, IT WILL INEVITABLY PRODUCE A NEW THREAT IN ADDITION TO THE TITANS.

AS EXPECTED, IT PROVED IMPOSSIBLE TO HIDE YOUR EXISTENCE FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

THAT DECISION WILL DETERMINE HOW YOU ARE DEALT WITH.

WE'RE HERE TO DECIDE WHICH BRANCH OF THE MILITARY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ACTIVITIES.

OR THE SURVEY CORPS...

THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE ...

...AND WE BE-LIEVE...

I AM CHIEF NILE DOK OF THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE...

WE'LL HEAR FROM THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE FIRST.

...AFTER WHICH IT SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF WITHOUT DELAY.

...THAT EREN'S BODY SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY EXAMINED...

...LED US TO THIS CONCLUSION.

CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE GRAVE DAMAGE THAT VALIDATING HIS EXISTENCE WOULD CAUSE...

YET DESPITE THE CURRENT SITUATION, THOSE PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE ROYAL FAMILY, HAVE STUCK TO THEIR POLICY OF NONINTERFERENCE IN MATTERS OUTSIDE THE WALL, JUST AS THEY DID FIVE YEARS AGO.

THOSE WHO HOLD THE REINS OF POWER IN THE CENTER REGARD HIM AS A THREAT.

AS A RESULT, WE MAY EVEN SEE A CIVIL WAR CONSUME WHAT TERRITORY WE HAVE LEFT.

HOWEVER, THE MASSES SEE EREN AS A HERO FOR HIS PART IN THE COUNTERATTACK. THIS HAS SPARKED A BACKLASH, CHIEFLY AMONG MERCHANTS AND THE PEOPLE OF WALL ROSE.

HOWEVER...

IT'S UNDENIABLE THAT HIS TITAN POWER DESERVES CREDIT FOR REPELLING THIS LATEST ATTACK.

A HERO ?!

WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING OUT THERE ...?

IN NO TIME, HE'S BECOME A HIGHLY POLITICIZED FIGURE.

IT'S ALSO FACT THAT HIS EXISTENCE CAUSES REAL HARM.

...

!

THAT ISN'T NECES-SARY!

...WE WILL TURN HIM INTO A MARTYR FOR THE HUMAN RACE.

THEREFORE, AFTER WE EXTRACT AS MUCH INFORMATION AS WE CAN FROM HIM...

HE SHOULD BE EXECUTED IMMEDIATELY!

HE IS A PEST THAT CIRCUM-VENTED THE DIVINE PROTECTION OF THE WALL THROUGH TRICKERY!

WHAT WAS IT CALLED...? THE CHURCH, OR SOMETHING...?

IT'S FROM THE GROUP THAT STARTED GAINING FOLLOWERS FIVE YEARS AGO...

! ...THAT UNIFORM...

I'M ERWIN SMITH, THE 13TH COMMANDER OF THE SURVEY CORPS.

SIR.

WE WILL NOW HEAR THE PROPOSAL FROM THE SURVEY CORPS.

MINIS-TER NICK, QUIET, PLEASE.

...AND USE HIS TITAN POWER TO TAKE BACK WALL MARIA.

WE PLAN TO INDUCT EREN INTO THE CORPS AS A FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER...

YES, SIR.

HM? THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY?

!

THAT IS ALL.

...I SEE.

I BELIEVE OUR PRIORITIES ARE CLEAR.

WITH HIS STRENGTH, WE CAN RECOVER WALL MARIA.

YES... THAT GATE WILL NEVER OPEN AGAIN.

THE TROST DISTRICT WALL IS NOW COMPLETELY SEALED, IS IT NOT?

PIXIS ?

BY THE WAY, WHAT BASE DO YOU PLAN TO USE TO LAUNCH EXPEDITIONS OUTSIDE THE WALL GOING FORWARD?

...COM-PLETELY FROM SCRATCH.

WE NEED TO DEVELOP A NEW ROUTE TO SHIGAN-SHINA DISTRICT ...

Karanes District

Trost District

Shiganshina District

WE WISH TO SET OUT FROM EASTERN KARANES DISTRICT.

IF WE JUST REINFORCED THOSE AREAS, THEY WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO ATTACK US AGAIN...

THE COLOSSUS TITAN HAS ONLY BEEN ABLE TO DESTROY THE GATES IN THE WALLS!

BAM

HOLD ON! ISN'T IT TIME WE SEALED OFF ALL THE GATES **PERMA-NENTLY?**

WE WON'T LET YOU PLAY AT BEING HEROES ANY LONGER!

ALL YOU PEOPLE DO IS BLURT OUT UNREALISTIC IDEALS WHILE PLUNGING US FURTHER INTO RUIN!

THE CONSER-VATIVES ARE HERE, TOO?

DO THOSE DOGS IN THE MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION REALLY WANT LAND THAT BADLY?!

...BUT WHERE'S YOUR GUARANTEE THAT THE TITANS WILL WAIT PATIENTLY WHILE WE WALL UP THE GATES?

YOU'RE FULL OF TALK, YOU PIG...

...

YOU PIGS TAKE NO NOTICE OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T EAT BECAUSE THERE ISN'T ENOUGH LAND!

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT MY FRIENDS, WHO PROTECT YOU WHILE YOU GET FAT.

WHEN YOU SAY "WE,"

WHA ...?

THAT'S ENOUGH, INSOLENT SCOUNDREL!

A-ALL I SAID WAS THAT WE'D BE SAFE IF WE SEALED UP THE GATES...!

DO YOU MEAN TO SAY HUMAN BEINGS SHOULD LAY A HAND ON IT?!

WALL ROSE WAS A GIFT FROM GOD...

WHAT THEY SAY IS NONSENSE, BUT THEY HAVE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT AND INFLUENCE, WHICH MAKES THEM DANGEROUS.

THESE IDIOTS WERE WHY IT TOOK FOREVER TO GET CANNONS MOUNTED ON TOP OF THE WALLS...

HOW CAN YOU FOOLS LOOK UPON THAT WALL, THAT DIVINE MASTER-PIECE BEYOND HUMAN KNOWLEDGE, AND STILL NOT COMPREHEND?!

WHY WON'T THEY BELIEVE THAT?

WE TELL THEM WE PUT OUR LIVES ON THE LINE...

EVEN NOW, EVERYBODY'S PUTTING THEIR OWN INTERESTS FIRST...?

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

IT SEEMS YOU WISH TO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS...

SIR.

EREN... I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU.

NEXT ...

LET'S MOVE ON.

I CAN!

Y-YES, SIR.

...

...BUT CAN YOU CONTINUE AS A SOLDIER AND USE THIS TITAN POWER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE HUMAN RACE?

RUSTLE

THIS IS FROM THE REPORT ON THE RECOVERY MISSION.

...!

IS THAT SO ...?!

RIGHT AFTER BECOMING A TITAN... YOU SWUNG YOUR FIST THREE TIMES AT MIKASA ACKERMAN.

...

...

T C H.

I KNEW IT... HE DOESN'T REMEMBER NOT BEING IN CONTROL.

WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO, LIE IN THE REPORT?

COVERING UP THE TRUTH WOULDN'T DO HUMANITY ANY GOOD.

IS IT TRUE THAT EREN ATTACKED YOU?

SO YOU'RE MIKASA?

!

THAT'S ME, SIR...

WHERE IS MIKASA ACKERMAN?

IF YOU DON'T ANSWER HONESTLY, IT'S NOT GOING TO HELP EREN.

IT'S TRUE ...

...YES.

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS...

GASP.

BUT ...

!

ME...?

...TRIED TO KILL MIKASA?

I...

...EREN SAVED MY LIFE IN HIS TITAN FORM.

TWO TIMES BEFORE THAT...

THE SECOND TIME, HE SHIELDED ARMIN AND ME FROM AN EXPLOSIVE SHELL.

HE STOOD AGAINST IT AND PROTECTED ME.

THE FIRST TIME, A TITAN WAS ABOUT TO EAT ME.

EVERYTHING YOU JUST SAID IS IN THE REPORT...

!

I WONDER.

I BELIEVE THESE FACTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS WELL.

...REDUCING THEIR OBJECTIVE VALUE, IN MY JUDGMENT.

...BUT WISHFUL THINKING HAS SEVERELY CLOUDED YOUR VIEWS...

WHILE INVESTIGATING EREN'S BACKGROUND, I CAME ACROSS A RECORD OF AN INCIDENT FROM SIX YEARS AGO.

I KNOW WHY YOU ARE TAKING EREN'S SIDE.

...!

...THEY STABBED THREE ADULT ROBBERS TO DEATH.

ASTONISHINGLY, WHEN THESE TWO WERE NINE YEARS OLD...

SHOULD WE ENTRUST HIM WITH THE LIVES, THE RESOURCES, AND THE VERY FATE OF THE HUMAN RACE?

MURMUR

...YET IT RAISES DOUBTS AS TO EREN'S BASIC HUMANITY.

THEIR ACTIONS ARE UNDERSTANDABLE. IT WAS LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE...

MURMUR

MURMUR

MURMUR

BUT IN THE END, HE COULDN'T HIDE HIS VIOLENT NATURE!

THAT'S RIGHT! HE MUST BE A TITAN THAT TOOK THE FORM OF A CHILD TO INFILTRATE OUR SOCIETY!

THOSE SHACKLES MEAN NOTHING!

HE'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF US, LIKE A POWDER KEG THAT COULD EXPLODE ANY MINUTE!

IS THIS ANY TIME TO BE HAVING A LEISURELY DEBATE?

HOW DO WE KNOW **SHE'S** HUMAN?

!!

THAT ONE, TOO!

UH-OH... I'D BETTER SAY SOME-THING, OR...

YOU'RE WRONG...

I... I MEAN ...

NO !!

JUST IN CASE, WE SHOULD DISSECT THEM BOTH...

YEAH!

...BUT MIKASA HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.

I MAY BE A MONSTER...

BUT ONCE YOU'VE CUT YOURSELVES OFF FROM REALITY, IT'S ALL POINT-LESS!

AND WHAT'S MORE... EVERYONE'S JUST SAYING WHATEVER SPECULATION HAPPENS TO BE CONVENIENT TO THEM!

SHE'S NOT IN-VOLV-ED.

HOW DARE YOU ...?

WHAT ...?

TH-THUMP

...YOU PEOPLE HAVE NEVER EVEN SEEN A TITAN, SO WHAT ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF?

IN THE FIRST PLACE...

IS THIS... A BAD IDEA ...?

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST SHUT UP...

TH-THUMP

YOU ... COWARDS ...

...I'LL TELL THESE COWARDS ...

IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF FIGHTING FOR YOUR OWN LIVES, THEN PLEASE, HELP **ME!**

WHAT CAN WE DO WHEN THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE POWER DON'T FIGHT?

KACHA

I'M GOING TO TELL THEM... EVERY-THING I'M THINKING ....

NO ...

...AND INVEST EVERY-THING IN ME!!

KACHA

JUST SHUT YOUR MOUTHS...

UH...

MURMUR

SIR!

STAND READY!

KACHA

ER...

WHAT HAVE I DONE?

SHIT...

CRACK

SOME-
THING
FLEW
OUT...

...?

TAK

WAS
THAT... A
TOOTH?

...MY
TOOTH?

!!

WHOOSH

GRRCK

GSH

...?!

WAIT !!

MIKA-SA !!

RRR !!

GRAB

DAK

THIS IS JUST MY OPINION...

GRIND

...BUT I'VE ALWAYS FOUND PAIN THE MOST EFFECTIVE PUNISH-MENT.

THUNK

CAN'T BE TAUGHT WITH WORDS...

THE LESSON YOU NEED TO LEARN RIGHT NOW...

AND YOU'RE KNEELING, WHICH MAKES YOU EASY TO KICK.

...ONLY WITH ACTION.

HHHK

HHHK

STOMP

GRR

GRR

GRR

THUD

HHHK

HHHK

HUFF

HUFF

...!

... IT'S DAN-GER-OUS.

WHAT ...?

LEVI, WAIT ...

WHACK

YOU'RE THE ONES WHO WANT TO DISSECT HIM, RIGHT?

... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?

WHAT'LL WE DO IF YOU MAKE HIM MAD, AND HE TURNS INTO A TITAN?

HEH ...

...

IS HE **YOURS** ?

BUT HE'S NOT **MY** ENEMY ...

THE FACT THAT HE HAS INTELLIGENCE COULD MAKE HIM A FORMIDABLE ENEMY.

HE APPARENTLY KILLED 20 TITANS WHEN HE WAS A TITAN HIMSELF, STOPPING ONLY OUT OF EXHAUST-ION.

I WONDER... COULD YOU REALLY KILL HIM?

EVERYONE WHO'S PERSECUTED HIM SHOULD THINK CAREFULLY, TOO.

COM-MANDER-IN-CHIEF... I HAVE A PRO-POSAL.

MURMUR

...I WOULD PAIR HIM UP WITH CAPTAIN LEVI AS A FAILSAFE.

THEREFORE, IN THE EVENT THAT YOU DECIDE TO PUT HIM UNDER OUR CONTROL...

THERE ARE MANY UNKNOWN ELEMENTS BEHIND EREN'S TITAN POWER.

DANGER WILL ALWAYS BE LURKING BENEATH THE SUR-FACE.

IF YOU MEAN KILLING HIM, IT'S NO PROBLEM.

CAN YOU DO IT, LEVI?

I SEE ...

SOMEONE AS SKILLED AS THE CAPTAIN WOULD BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH EREN EVEN IN A WORST-CASE SCENARIO.

...!

RATHER, THE PROBLEM IS THERE WOULD BE NO HALF-MEASURES ...

PLEASE, WAIT!

...!

I WILL NOW MAKE MY DECISION.

I SEE WE HAVE EXHAUSTED THIS LINE OF INQUIRY.

I DON'T TAKE THE PROBLEMS OF THE INTERIOR LIGHTLY.

I'M QUITE AWARE THAT OUR ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE WALL DEPEND ON THE STABILITY OF THE HUMAN RACE.

WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT THE INTERIOR ?!

ERWIN... I WANT TO ASK YOU.

I WOULD LIKE TO DECIDE HIS FUTURE BASED ON THOSE RESULTS.

...WE'LL PROVE THAT EREN IS A VALUABLE ASSET TO HUMANITY IN OUR NEXT EXPEDITION BEYOND THE WALL

THAT TO CALM THE PUBLIC ...

SO, LET ME PRO-POSE ...

GOD WILLING, HE'LL DIE OUT THERE.

ANY-THING TO GET THEM OUT OF HERE NOW...

SO YOU'RE GOING OUTSIDE THE WALL...

I SEE ..

THEN IT'S SET-TLED.

...

...

EREN YEAGER IS PLACED IN THE CARE OF THE SURVEY CORPS.

HOWEVER, HE MAY RETURN HERE, DEPENDING ON HIS ACCOMPLISH-MENTS.

OWW!

SORRY ABOUT THAT...

BELIEVE ME, IT WAS WORTH THE PAIN.

...

AND THAT GAVE US THE PERFECT CHANCE TO PLAY THE CARD WE HAD UP OUR SLEEVE.

YOU HAVE MY RE-SPECT.

RIGHT ...

BUT YOU DID GET YOUR POINT ACROSS TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND OTHER VIPS, ANYWAY.

SIR.

THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

DO YOU RESENT ME?

N-NO, SIR. I KNOW YOU NEEDED TO PUT ON A SHOW.

VERY WELL.

Y-YES, SIR?!

TELL ME, EREN.

TWITCH

FWUMP

EREN, SHOW ME YOUR MOUTH.

...

パコ, PAK

...!

... HUH ?

I'D SAY THAT BEATS GETTING DISSECTED ANY DAY.

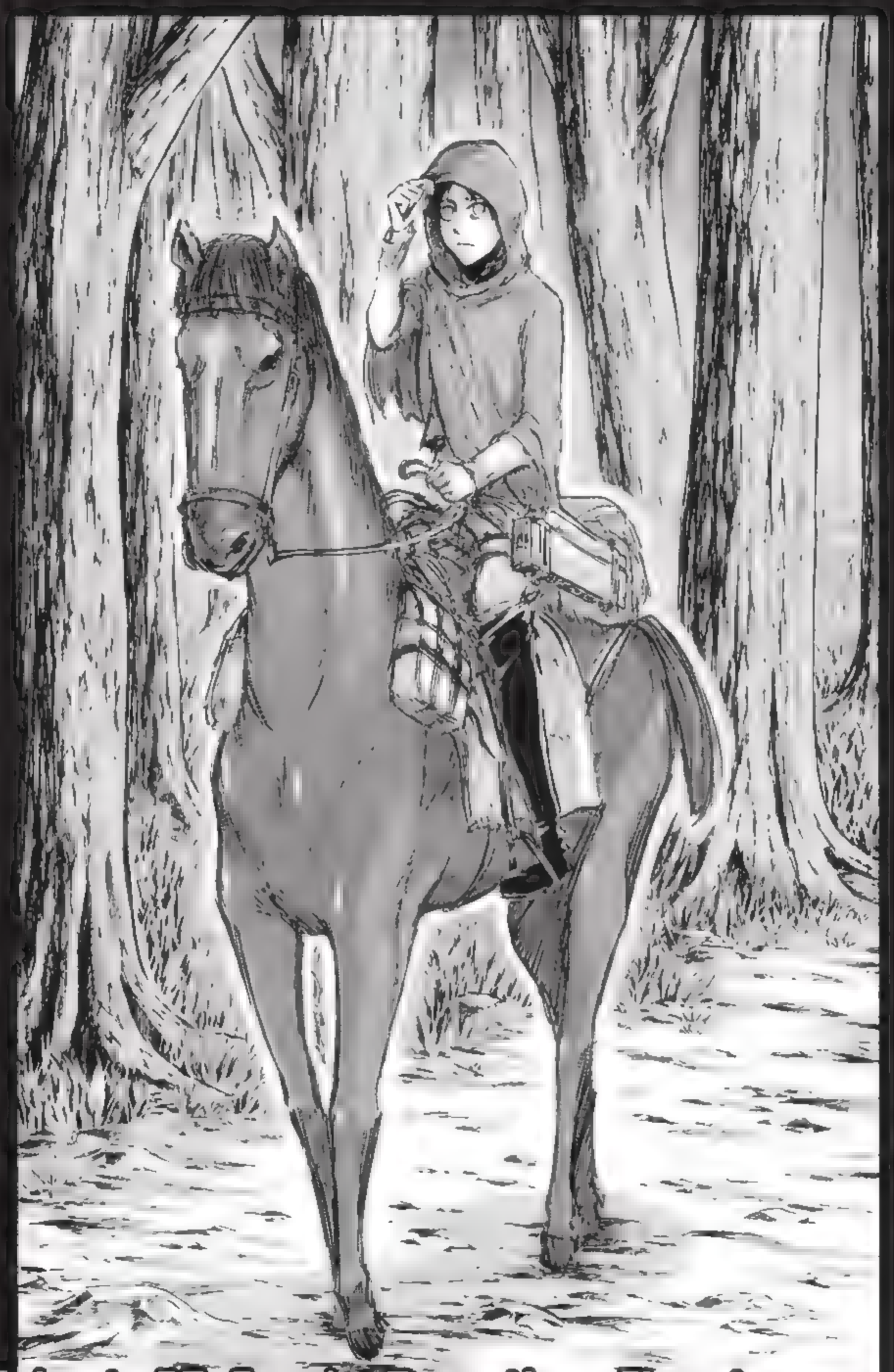
LOOK!

HE BROKE A TOOTH!

YOU COULD'VE SHOWN SOME RE-STRAINT ...

IT'S GROWING BACK...

ATTACK
ON TITAN



Episode 20: Special Operations Squad

THE FACILITY IS NO MORE THAN AN OLD CONVERTED CASTLE. CHARMING IN ITS WAY, SURE...

THE FORMER HEAD-QUAR-TERS OF THE SURVEY CORPS.

WHO WOULD'VE FIGURED ...

BACK THEN THE CORPS HAD JUST BEEN FORMED, AND THE SOLDIERS WERE STILL FULL OF AMBITION ...

...WAS WORSE THAN USELESS TO THE SURVEY CORPS.

...BUT AN HQ THIS FAR FROM BOTH THE WALL AND THE RIVER...

...THAT THIS OVERSIZED DECORATION WOULD BE THE BEST PLACE TO KEEP YOU LOCKED UP?

...

FWISH

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS TITAN BUSINESS, BUT THE IDEA OF CAPTAIN LEVI CONSTANTLY CHAPERONING A PISSANT LIKE YOU MAKES ME-

CHOMP

EXCUSE ME?!

LEAN

DON'T GET COCKY, ROOKIE...

I THINK HE WAS JUST SURPRISED BY WHAT A FOOL YOU ARE, OLUO.

THAT ROOKIE WAS QUAK-ING IN HIS BOOTS.

...I WAS MAKING A FIRST IMPRES-SION.

BLATHER-ING LIKE THAT ON A HORSE... OF COURSE YOU'RE GOING TO BITE YOUR TONGUE.

I MEAN... YOU HAVE ABSO-LUTELY NOTHING IN COMMON WITH HIM.

IF... AND THIS IS JUST A GUESS... BUT IF YOU ARE TRYING TO IMITATE CAPTAIN LEVI... JUST STOP IT, WOULD YOU?

...YOU KNOW, YOU NEVER USED TO TALK LIKE THIS.

...AT ANY RATE, HE'S JUST WHAT I EXPECT-ED.

...I'M YOUR COMRADE IN ARMS! THAT'S NOT FUNNY...

...I WISH YOU'D BITTEN YOUR TONGUE OFF AND DIED FROM BLOOD LOSS...

DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE GETTING CARRIED AWAY JUST BECAUSE THE CAPTAIN CHOSE YOU?

HEH... WHAT, ARE YOU TRYING TO REIN ME IN, PETRA? IF YOU WANNA ACT LIKE MY WIFE, THERE ARE A COUPLE STEPS YOU SKIPPED.

...!!

THE SURVEY CORPS SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUAD, COMMONLY CALLED "SQUAD LEVI." SO THIS IS WHERE THEY'VE ASSIGNED ME...

SO CAPTAIN LEVI HAND-PICKED EVERYONE HERE?

...THESE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO KILL ME.

IF I GO OUT OF CONTROL...

THEY'RE HERE TO RESTRAIN ME WHEN I USE MY TITAN POWER.

FIX IT UP IMMEDIATE-LY.

THAT'S A MAJOR PROBLEM ...

IT HASN'T BEEN USED IN A LONG TIME, SO IT'S KIND OF FALLEN INTO DIS-REPAIR.

TOP FLOOR IS CLEANED, SIR.

CLANK

YOUR ROOM IS THE BASEMENT.

SIR, WHERE SHOULD I SLEEP IN THIS FACILITY?

IF YOU'RE UNDERGROUND, WE'LL BE ABLE TO RESTRAIN YOU EVEN IF YOU TURN INTO A TITAN WHILE SLEEPING.

NATURALLY... YOU STILL CAN'T HOLD YOURSELF BACK.

THE BASE-MENT ... AGAIN ?

...

IT'S A RULE WE MUST FOLLOW.

THAT'S ONE OF THE CONDITIONS WE WERE GIVEN WHEN THEY PLACED YOU IN OUR CUSTODY.

TAK カ TAK カ

YES, SIR...

DO THIS ONE.

I'M GOING TO CHECK OUT THE ROOMS YOU CLEANED.

IT ISN'T AN UNUSUAL RE-ACTION.

SORRY ?

YOU LOOK DIS-APPOINT-ED.

...HIGH-STRUNG, ILL-MANNERED, AND UN-APPROACH-ABLE.

...IS UN-EX-PECT-EDLY SHORT ...

THE REAL CAPTAIN LEVI...

HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE PERFECT HERO THAT PEOPLE MAKE HIM OUT TO BE, DOES HE?

YOU THOUGHT BECAUSE HE CARRIES A LOT OF WEIGHT, THAT HE WOULDN'T BE CONCERNED WITH RANK OR THE COMMAND STRUCTURE?

RIGHT... I THOUGHT HE WOULDN'T TAKE ORDERS FROM ANYBODY...

...WAS HOW OBEDIENTLY HE ACCEPTS DECISIONS FROM ABOVE.

NO... WHAT TOOK ME BY SURPRISE ...

THE COM-MANDER DID?!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT SOME PEOPLE SAY COMMANDER ERWIN BROUGHT HIM INTO THE CORPS.

I HEARD THAT BEFORE CAPTAIN LEVI JOINED THE SURVEY CORPS, HE WAS A NOTORIOUS THUG IN THE CITY'S UNDERGROUND MARKET.

I DON'T KNOW ALL THE DETAILS... BUT I THINK HE USED TO BE PRETTY CLOSE TO THAT.

DO IT ALL AGAIN.

YOU CALL THAT CLEAN ?!

Y- YES, SIR !!

...

SWISH SWISH SWISH

TWITCH

HEY ... EREN.

...BUT I HEAR THEY'RE THINKING OF LAUNCHING A LARGE-SCALE EXPEDITION PAST THE WALL IN 30 DAYS.

WE'LL PROBABLY BE ORDERED TO STAY ON STANDBY FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS...

I BET THE BRATS WERE PARALYZED WITH FRIGHT.

THE RAW RECRUITS JUST WENT THROUGH A TITAN INVASION!

ISN'T IT A BIT TOO SOON?

ELD... IS THAT TRUE?

AND THAT THEY'RE RUSHING TO PUT SOME RECENT GRADU-ATES IN THE MIX.

I'M NOT IN CHARGE OF PLAN-NING STRAT-EGY.

IS IT TRUE, CAP-TAIN?

THAT'S **HIS** DEPARTMENT... HE'S GOT A LOT MORE TO THINK ABOUT THAN WE DO.

...BUT A COMPLETELY NEW HOPE HAS SPRUNG UP IN ITS PLACE.

ON ONE HAND, THE MARIA RECOVERY ROUTE THAT WE SACRIFICED SO MUCH TO BUILD WAS SEALED OFF IN AN INSTANT...

THAT'S TRUE... THE CIRCUM-STANCES HAVE CHANGED SO MUCH.

...BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU "BECOME" A TITAN, EREN?

...IT'S STILL HARD TO BELIEVE ...

...

HUH ?

I DO KNOW THAT THE TRIGGER IS SELF-INFLICTED PAIN. I BITE MY HAND LIKE...

...BUT IT'S LIKE I LOSE TRACK OF MYSELF.

...MY MEMORIES OF IT AREN'T REALLY CLEAR...

...YOU MAY NOT ASK HIM ANY-THING PAST WHAT'S IN THE REPORT.

I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL AWARE, BUT...

COME TO THINK OF IT, HOW DID I KNOW TO DO THAT?

SHE ...?

EH ...?

IF SHE SCREWS UP WHILE POKING AND PRODDING YOU, IT MAY BE THE DEATH OF YOU, EREN.

GRIP

AL-THOUGH I DOUBT **SHE'LL** KEEP HER MOUTH SHUT.

HER.

IS THE CASTLE COMFORT-ABLE?

KA-CHA

HI THERE, **SQUAD LEVI!**

I STOPPED BY TO GET PERMISS-ION.

AND I'D LIKE YOU TO ASSIST ME WITH MY EXPERIMENT TOMORROW, EREN.

WHAT COULD I...?

EX-PERI-MENT ...?

I'M CURRENTLY HANDLING THE EXAMINATION OF THE TWO TITANS THAT WERE CAPTURED IN TOWN.

SQUAD LEADER HANGE.

CREAK

?

WELL, YOU SEE... IT'S JUST SEETHING WITH RAGE!

I DON'T HAVE ANY AUTHORITY OVER MYSELF THESE DAYS...

UM... THE THING IS, I CAN'T GIVE YOU PERMISS-ION.

WHAT'S ON EREN'S AGENDA FOR TOMOR-ROW?

LEVI?

AH... OKAY...

EREN! I'LL SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.

...

GREAT, THEN IT'S SET-TLED!!

CLEANING THE YARD.

...

?

NUDGE

HEY! DON'T GET HER STARTED ...

!

BUT WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY ***TITAN EXPERI-MENT?***

RATTLE

RATTLE

CREAK

WELL, IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THAT BADLY ...

I THOUGHT YOU LOOKED CURIOUS.

AH... I KNEW IT!

IT'S ABOUT THE TITANS WE CAPTURED.

...WHO AM I TO KEEP IT FROM YOU?

KKK

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

GRRAK

HUFF

HI THERE !

FIRST, I REPEATED THE EXPERIMENT WE TRIED FIVE TIMES IN THE PAST, WHENEVER WE HAD A CAPTIVE TITAN: AN ATTEMPT TO COMMUNICATE.

DOES IT HURT?

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

HOW DO YOU FEEL?

SQUAD LEADER, YOU'RE TOO CLOSE.

THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME WE'VE SUCCESS-FULLY SNARED A TITAN.

HOWEVER, THE TIME I SPENT INTERACTING WITH THE TITANS WAS SO FASCINATING THAT IT MADE ME FORGET HOW EXHAUSTED I WAS.

TOO CLOSE !!

THAT WAS CLOSE !!

WHOA!!

SNAP

UNFORTUNATELY, I WAS FORCED TO CONCLUDE THAT MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION IS IMPOSSIBLE.

SQUAD LEADER !! THAT'S DANGER-OUS!!

* ABOUT 13 FEET AND 23 FEET, RESPECTIVELY.

...AND THE 7-METER* CLASS ONE "BEAN."

INCIDEN-TALLY, I NAMED THE 4-METER* CLASS ONE "SONNY"...

TITANS BECOME LESS ENERGETIC AS NIGHT WEARS ON, SO THIS EXPERIMENT TESTED THE HYPOTHESIS THAT THEY DERIVE SOMETHING FROM SUNLIGHT THAT GIVES THEM VITALITY.

NEXT, I TRIED DEPRIV-ING THE TITANS OF SUNLIGHT.

...BEAN WAS AS FRISKY AS EVER FOR THREE HOURS STRAIGHT.

WHEREAS SONNY BECAME LETHARGIC AFTER JUST ONE HOUR WITHOUT SUNLIGHT...

HERE, THE TITANS SHOWED INDIVIDUAL DIFFER-ENCES.

THEY DON'T NEED FOOD OR WATER, AND EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE VOCAL CORDS, IT ISN'T NECESSARY FOR THEM TO BREATHE... ALL THEY REQUIRE IS SUNLIGHT...

I WAS SURPRISED YET AGAIN...

...BUT IF IT KILLED THEM, IT'D BE THE END OF MY EXPERIMENTS.

I'M INTERESTED IN WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY WERE CUT OFF COMPLETELY FROM SUNLIGHT...

I EXPLORED THEIR SENSE OF PAIN.

!

RATTLE

SO I MOVED ON TO THE NEXT STAGE: DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE TITANS' BODIES!

AAAAH!

STAB

AAAAH!

LOOK AT HOW MUCH PAIN BEAN IS IN!

HOW COULD I DO THIS AND NOT SCREAM?!

AAAAH!

SQUAD LEADER!! THERE'S NO NEED FOR **YOU** TO SCREAM ...

FWSH

HANG IN THERE, BEAN! YOU'LL MAKE IT!!

STAB

AAAA

IT WAS VERY TOUGH FOR ME TO DO THAT...

...

YOU SEE, I HAD TO SEE WHETHER THE TITANS HAVE A WEAK POINT OTHER THAN THE NECK...

IT DOESN'T HURT? HOW DOES IT FEEL?

LEAN

ズブブ

YOU DO KNOW THAT I'M STABBING YOU THROUGH THE HEART ...?

COMPARED TO BEAN, THE INTROVERTED SONNY DIDN'T HAVE MUCH OF A REACTION AT ALL.

WHAT ?!

WHAT IS IT ?!

LEAN

MM...

OONH ...

OONGH ...

SNAP

YIPE !!

YOU WERE REALLY GONNA DIE!

YOU ALMOST HAD ME THERE, SONNY!

AHA HA- HA- HA!

SQUAD LEADER, PLEASE STAY BACK!!

HOW CAN YOU BE SO CHEERFUL AROUND TITANS?

ALL HE DOES IS TRY TO BITE MY HEAD OFF.

SO YOU CAN SEE THAT SONNY HAS A HARD TIME EXPRESSING HIMSELF.

MS. HANGE, YOU MUST'VE BEEN IN DANGER FROM THEM YOURSELF A NUMBER OF TIMES...

I MEAN... TITANS ARE OUR NATURAL ENEMY! THEY DROVE THE HUMAN RACE TO THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION ...

HUH ?

WHEN I FIRST JOINED THE SURVEY CORPS, I RELIED ON MY HATRED TO GET ME THROUGH BATTLES WITH THE TITANS.

I'VE SEEN MY COMRADES GET SLAUGHTERED BY THE TITANS RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES MORE TIMES THAN I CARE TO RECALL.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

IT WAS AS I KICKED THE DECAPITATED HEAD OF A 3-METER* CLASS TITAN.

AND THEN, ONE DAY, I REALIZED SOME-THING.

* ABOUT 10 FEET.

WHAT?

...WAS VERY LIGHT.

THE TITAN'S BODY...

AND ALL THE TITANS ARE LIKE THAT... THE WEIGHT OF A SEVERED ARM WASN'T NEARLY WHAT IT SHOULD'VE BEEN, CONSIDERING ITS SIZE.

IN THE FIRST PLACE, THAT TITAN SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STAND, MUCH LESS WALK, ON TWO LEGS.

THEN I HEAR THAT WHEN YOU TURNED INTO A TITAN, EREN, YOUR TITAN BODY JUST FORMED UP OUT OF NOTHING.

...ARE TOTALLY DIFFER-ENT THINGS.

...IS THAT WHAT WE CAN **SEE** AND THE TRUE NATURE OF WHAT ACTUALLY **EXISTS**...

...IS HAP-PEN-ING ...

WHAT I THINK ...

I MAY JUST BE SPINNING MY WHEELS...

I WANT TO TRY LOOKING AT THE TITANS FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE THAN THE PREDOMINANT VIEW.

FOR DECADES NOW, WE'VE MADE AN EFFORT TO THRIVE ON HATRED AND MOVE AGGRES-SIVELY.

...I'M GOING TO DO IT.

BUT ...

...FOR EC-CEN-TRICS.

LIKE A HAVEN ...

IT'S NOT ONLY MS. HANGE. THIS ORGANIZATION IS FULL OF ODDBALLS...

IT'S LIKE I'VE BEEN IN A CONSTANT STATE OF SURPRISE EVER SINCE JOINING THE SURVEY CORPS.

THAT'S THE SURVEY CORPS.

A GROUP OF PEOPLE LOOKING TO CHANGE THE STATUS QUO...

AND IF IT DOES, THAT COULD MOVE US ONE STEP AHEAD.

EREN... ADDING YOU AS A COMPONENT IN THE EXPERIMENTS MAY TEACH US SOMETHING NEW.

MS. HANGE ...

THERE'S NEVER BEEN A CHANGE LIKE THIS BEFORE.

...BUT I'M HAVING FUN.

IT'S POSSIBLE I'M JUST BEING A PAIN IN THE ASS AND EXPECTING TOO MUCH OF YOU...

REALLY?

HM?

IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'D LIKE TO HEAR MORE ABOUT YOUR EXPERIMENTS.

TRUE, I DID LEAVE OUT A LOT IN MY EXPLANA-TION...

R-RIGHT.

IF NOTHING ELSE, I SHOULD PROBABLY BE WELL INFORMED FOR THE SAKE OF TOMORROW'S EXPERIMENT.

ALTHOUGH WE MAY BE HERE A WHILE...

OKAY, LET'S GET INTO THE NITTY-GRITTY.

CHIRP CHIRP

IN FACT, EVERYTHING I'VE TOLD YOU IS ALREADY TAUGHT TO TRAINEES.

...SO I DIDN'T GET ANY NEW INFORMATION OUT OF THIS LATEST ROUND OF EXPERIMENTS.

YES... I KNEW IT ALL ALREADY.

BUT YOU KNEW THAT, DIDN'T YOU?

IS SQUAD LEADER HANGE HERE?

BAM

FIRST OF ALL, REGARDING COMMUNICATION, THERE WAS A CURIOUS CASE INVOLVING A SOLDIER NAMED **ILSE LANGNAR.**

LOOK ... IT'S AL- READY ...

WHAT ?!

THEN LET ME EXPLAIN IT TO YOU AGAIN, THIS TIME MIXED IN WITH MY OWN SPECULA- TION.

TWITCH

RATTLE

THE SUB-JECTS ...

BOTH TITANS HAVE BEEN KILLED !!

FSSSSSSHHH

LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE BOTH KILLED AT THE SAME TIME, BEFORE DAWN. BY THE TIME THE GUARDS NOTICED, WHOEVER DID IT HAD ALREADY GOTTEN AWAY USING VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR.

WE HAVEN'T FOUND THE CULPRIT.

BEAN!

SONNY!

NO! DID A SOLDIER DO IT?

IF THEY WEREN'T MORONS... THEN WHY'D THEY DO IT?

MURMUR MURMUR

THEY WERE IMPORTANT TEST SUBJECTS. WHAT KIND OF MORONS WOULD...

LOOK AT HANGE. SHE'S GONE OFF THE DEEP END.

SO THIS WAS PRE-MEDITATED, WITH TWO OR MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED ...

COM-MAND ER!

EREN ...

CHFF

Y-YES, SIR

LET'S GO...THE REST IS UP TO THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE.

WHO DO YOU THINK THE ENEMY IS?

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

WHAT HAP-PENED HERE?

SORRY FOR ASKING SUCH A STRANGE QUES-TION.

...

...SIR?

CHFF

CHFF CHFF

CHF

ATTACK
ON TITAN

Episode 21: Opening the Gate

* Rejected Cover Idea

THE MOOD DIDN'T FIT
WITH THE WORLD.

ALL RIGHT, NEXT! YOU!

THERE'S A RECORD OF IT.

AFTER THE MOPPING UP OPERATION SIX DAYS AGO, SIR.

WHEN WAS THE SHAFT LAST SWITCHED OUT?

SO YOU CAN GET PUNISHED FOR KILLING TITANS, HUH?

YEAH, IT **IS** WEIRD, BUT THEY WERE VALUABLE TEST SUBJECTS.

KRISTA LENZ, 41ST SQUAD.

YEAH... WE'RE ALL STILL WORN OUT FROM THE MOP-UP AFTER THE BATTLE...

AND NOW THEY'RE LOOKING FOR THE CULPRITS HERE... AS IF A TRAINEE COULD'VE DONE IT!

WHOEVER DID IT MAY HAVE SATISFIED THEIR THIRST FOR REVENGE, BUT IT'S A BLOW TO THE HUMAN RACE.

BUT THIS PRACTICALLY HELPS THE TITANS...

...YEAH.

YOU CAN'T BLAME SOMEONE FOR HATING TITANS.

BEFORE I SAW MY FIRST TITAN, I REALLY WANTED TO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS...

YOU LOSE YOUR ABILITY TO THINK.

...!

...SO I KINDA GET WHERE THEY'RE COMING FROM.

I'M AN IDIOT ...

...

EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE TO CHOOSE A BRANCH TODAY...

...BUT NOW... I NEVER WANNA SEE ANOTHER TITAN AS LONG AS I LIVE.

WHAT ?! JEAN SAID THAT ?

DAMN IT... EVEN JEAN SAID HE'S GONNA JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS...

HE SAYS HE'S GONNA JOIN THE CORPS.

HEY... ANNIE, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

YOU'RE GOING WITH THE MP BRIGADE, RIGHT...?

...I SEE.

MY MIND'S ALREADY MADE UP.

...I DON'T THINK ANY-THING.

...

LOOK ...

YOU THINK I SHOULD GO FOR THE MPS, TOO?

HEY... ANNIE ...

...

OF COURSE NOT!

... WHAT ?!

... WOULD YOU?

IF SOME-BODY TOLD YOU TO DIE...

HM ...?

HOW ABOUT YOU, ARMIN?

THEN YOU SHOULD DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO.

SO YOU'VE DE-CID-ED...

I SEE ...

I THINK THERE ARE TIMES PEOPLE HAVE TO DIE... EVEN IF I DON'T LIKE IT.

IF I COULD UNDERSTAND **WHY** I HAD TO DIE...

ME ...

...

YEAH.

SERI-OUSLY ...? ARMIN, YOU TOO?

TH-THANKS ...

...BUT YOU'VE GOT SPIRIT.

YOU'RE A WEAK-LING...

WHA?

...

...

PRETTY NICE.

ANNIE ... YOU'RE ACTU-ALLY...

...

NO.

...

!

I JUST ...

AND I BET YOU HAVE A REASON FOR JOINING THE MILITARY POLICE.

I MEAN, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU DON'T WANT US TO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS...

...WANT TO SAVE MYSELF.

WHO THE HELL DID IT, THEN ...?

SO IN THE END, I GUESS THEY DIDN'T FIND ANY SOLDIERS WHO USED VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION.

I WONDER HOW MANY NEWBIES ARE GONNA JOIN THE CORPS ON A WHIM...

BEATS ME... TO BE HONEST, I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT TODAY'S RECRUIT SOLICITATION CEREMONY.

NO ...

...

THERE IS.

HEY, EREN. IS THERE ANYONE FROM YOUR TRAINING GROUP WHO WANTS TO JOIN UP?

...
THERE
WAS.

BUT I
DON'T
KNOW HOW
THEY
FEEL
NOW.

CHFF

JEAN...

WHAT? OF COURSE I DON'T LIKE IT. THE CORPS, I MEAN.

I MEAN... I THOUGHT YOU WERE SCARED...

JEAN, WHAT MADE YOU SUDDENLY DECIDE TO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS?

...

I MAY'VE CHOSEN THE SURVEY CORPS, BUT NOT 'CAUSE I'M NOT AFRAID OF THE TITANS.

HM? ...THEN WHY ARE YOU...

I'M NOT IN A HURRY TO DIE LIKE EREN. DON'T LUMP ME IN WITH HIM.

LISTEN. SERI-OUSLY ...

AND I'M NOT GOING TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE, "SKILLED SOLDIERS HAVE A DUTY TO JOIN THE CORPS."

AND...

TRAINEES, FALL IN! FACE THE STAGE!

THIS ISN'T THE KIND OF JOB YOU CAN DO WITHOUT REALLY CHOOSING IT YOURSELF.

NOBODY CONVINCED ME TO PUT MY LIFE ON THE LINE.

TODAY, YOU CHOOSE WHICH DIVISION TO JOIN. THE REASON I'M UP HERE IS TO INVITE YOU TO BECOME A PART OF THE SURVEY CORPS.

I AM SURVEY CORPS COMMANDER ERWIN SMITH.

THE KING HAS GRANTED ME AUTHORITY OVER ALL SURVEY CORPS ACTIVITY.

I'M SURE NOTHING ELSE IN YOUR LIVES CAME CLOSE TO IT. THOUGH YOU'RE TRAINEES, YOU EXPERIENCED SACRIFICE.

BUT I SHOULD WARN YOU. IN THE RECENT TITAN ATTACK, EVERYONE HERE EXPERIENCED WHAT THE AVERAGE EXCURSION OUTSIDE IS LIKE.

...YOUR OWN LIMITS, AND THE TERROR OF THE TITANS.

AS A RESULT, I'M SURE YOU CAME TO KNOW...

NEVER-THE-LESS...

BY NOW, EVERYONE IS AWARE OF...

...THE HUMAN RACE HAS ADVANCED TOWARDS VICTORY LIKE NEVER BEFORE.

WHILE IT'S TRUE WE SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES IN THIS ATTACK...

...AND WE HAVE OBTAINED A PATH TO UNDER-STANDING THE TRUE NATURE OF THE TITANS.

THROUGH HIS ACTIONS AND ALL OF YOURS, THE TITAN INCURSION WAS HALTED...

...THE EXISTENCE OF EREN YEAGER.

...BUT BELIEVE ME, HE'S PROVEN HIMSELF AS AN ALLY WHO'S WILLING TO LAY HIS LIFE ON THE LINE.

I'M NOT AT LIBERTY TO TELL YOU MUCH HERE REGARDING EREN...

...THERE ARE ANSWERS ABOUT THE TITANS THAT EVEN HE DOESN'T HAVE.

AND WE ALSO KNOW THAT IN THE BASEMENT OF HIS OLD HOUSE IN SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT...

...I BELIEVE WE'LL FIND CLUES THAT MAY FREE US FROM A CENTURY OF DOMINATION BY THE TITANS.

IF WE CAN JUST GET TO THAT BASEMENT...

...BUT MAKING THAT INFORMATION PUBLIC...?

I KNOW THEY WANT TO RECRUIT SOL-DIERS...

MURMUR

...

HIS BASE-MENT ...?

MURMUR

MURMUR

IF WE'RE ON THE VERGE OF FINDING OUT WHAT THE TITANS REALLY ARE, THEN THE SITUATION MUST NOT BE THAT BAD!!

MURMUR

ARE WE ALREADY THAT CLOSE ...?

HE MUST HAVE AN AGENDA...

WAIT...

...

AND YET ...

MURMUR MURMUR

HM?

... LOOKING AT?

WHAT'S THE COM-MAND-ER ...

...WE FIRST NEED TO TAKE BACK WALL MARIA.

...IF WE ARE TO PERFORM A FULL INVESTIGA-TION OF THAT BASEMENT ROOM IN SHIGANSHINA...

THE PATH THAT TOOK ONE OF OUR BATTALIONS FOUR YEARS TO CLEAR IS COMPLETELY LOST.

...BUT NOW THAT WE CAN NO LONGER USE THE GATE IN TROST DISTRICT, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE THE LONG WAY AROUND, FROM EASTERN KARANES DISTRICT.

IN OTHER WORDS, OUR AIM IS THE SAME...

THAT'S 90% IN FOUR YEARS.

DURING THOSE FOUR YEARS, OVER 90% OF THE SURVEY CORPS SOLDIERS DIED.

...WOULD MEAN FIVE TIMES THE CASUALTIES AND 20 YEARS OF WORK. THOSE AREN'T REALISTIC FIGURES.

EVEN IN THE BEST CASE, SENDING ANOTHER BATTALION TO WALL MARIA...

SINCE MANY ARE KILLED EVERY TIME WE GO OUT, WE SUFFER FROM A CHRONIC SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL.

THE SURVEY CORPS IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR TALENTED PEOPLE.

A SUPPLY ROUTE NEEDS TO BE PUT IN PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THOSE OF YOU WHO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS WILL PARTICIPATE IN AN EXPEDITION BEYOND THE WALL ONE MONTH FROM NOW.

I WON'T HIDE IT.

BUT THOSE WHO DO GET THROUGH IT GO ON TO BECOME SUPERIOR SOLDIERS WITH A HIGH SURVIVAL RATE.

I BELIEVE THE MORTALITY RATE FOR NEW RECRUITS GOING ON THEIR FIRST JOURNEY OUTSIDE IS ABOUT 50%.

NOW YOU KNOW THE DISMAL STATE OF AFFAIRS. THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE STILL WILLING TO PUT YOUR LIVES ON THE LINE, REMAIN HERE.

ASK YOURSELVES IF YOU REALLY HAVE IT IN YOU TO SACRIFICE YOUR LIFE FOR HUMANITY.

LET ME REITERATE... THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE WHO STAY HERE AND ENTER THE SURVEY CORPS WILL LIKELY DIE.

THOSE OF YOU WHO WISH TO JOIN THE OTHER DIVISIONS ARE DISMISSED.

THAT'S ALL.

CHFF CHFF

THE TRAINEES THAT ARE LEFT MUST FEEL LIKE THEY'VE BEEN THROUGH THE WRINGER.

COM-MANDER, DID YOU HAVE TO BE THAT INTIMIDAT-ING?

CHFF

CHFF

CHFF

CHFF

I'M BEGGING YOU HERE.

SHIT...

...HATE MYSELF MORE THAN I ALREADY DO.

CHFF

CHFF

DON'T MAKE ME...

THUMP

IF I DON'T GET AWAY FROM HERE NOW... I'LL HAVE TO...

...FACE THEM AGAIN...

MURMUR

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THUMP

THUMP

IF I BECAME AN MP...

...EVERY-ONE IN THE VILLAGE WOULD RESPECT ME.

...MOM WOULD BE SO HAPPY...

THATHONP!!

CHFF

CHFF

I LEFT THE VILLAGE TO BECOME A MILITARY POLICE OFFICER...

THAT'S RIGHT...

TH-THUMP

WE'VE SEEN IT...

WE ALREADY KNOW...

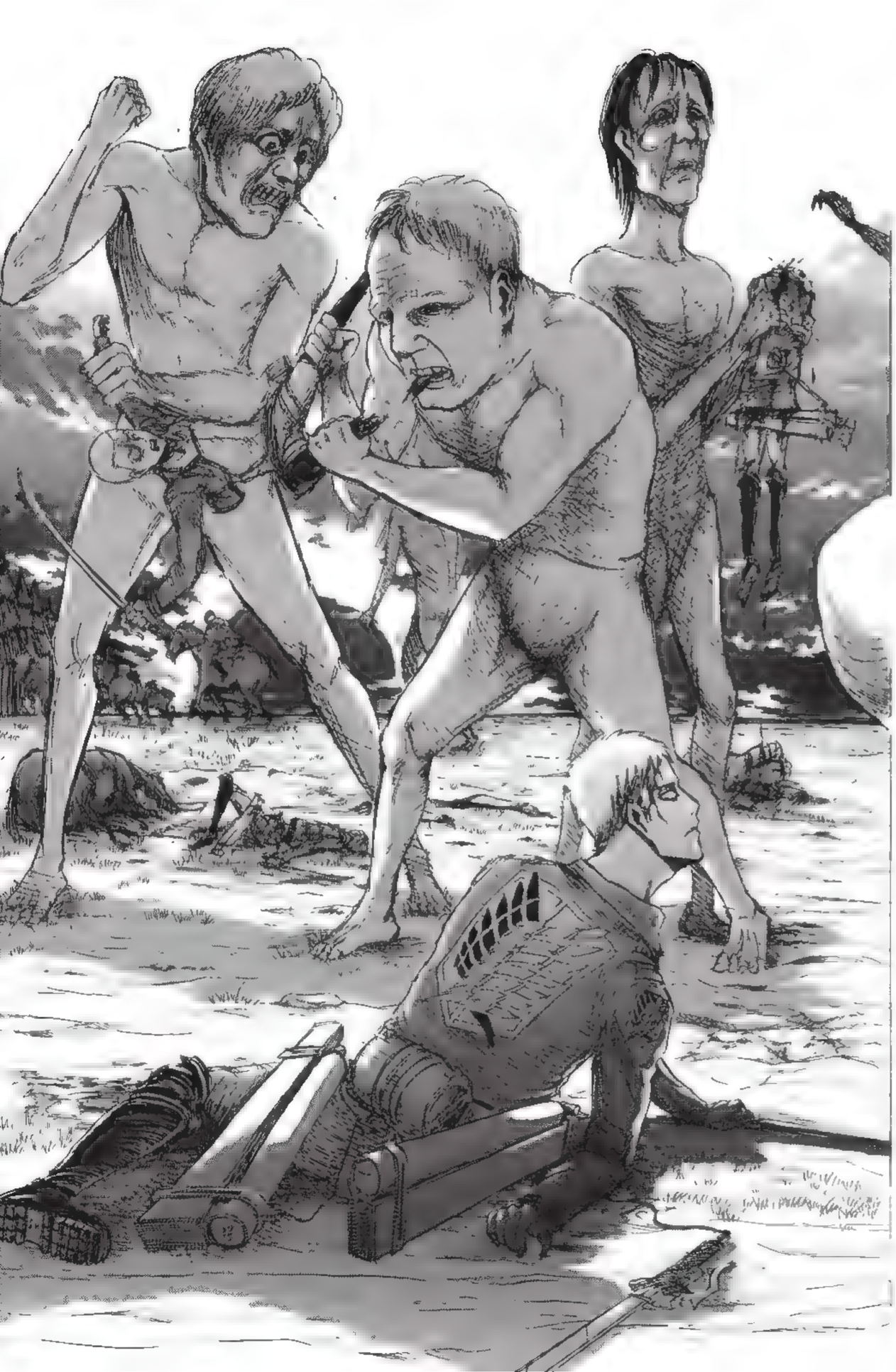
TH-THUMP

...EAT PEOPLE...

TH-THUMP

WE'VE SEEN HOW TITANS...

TH-THUMP



FWOOOOOOOO

...WERE TOLD TO DIE, COULD YOU DO IT?

IF YOU ...

FWWOOOOOOOOO

I DON'T WANT TO DIE!

EVERY-ONE... YOU LOOK GOOD.

I SEE ...

DEVOTE YOUR HEARTS TO THE CAUSE!

THIS IS MY REAL SALUTE!

VERY WELL! I WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE SURVEY CORPS!

YES, SIR!!

...

EV-ERY-ONE...

THE SURVEY CORPS, OF ALL THINGS ...

THIS IS THE WORST. DAMN IT...

AHHH ... SHIT ...

I WANNA GO BACK TO THE VILLAGE...

...UNH ... I HATE THIS...

I'M SCAR-ED...

I JUST DON'T CARE ANY-MORE...

AHH ...

SHIVER

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SHIVER

ブル

IF YOU'RE GONNA CRY HERE, YOU MIGHT AS WELL QUIT.

...

...

CHF-F
CHF-F
I SEE 21 MEMBERS IN THE 104TH SURVEY CORPS WHO HAVE GIVEN THE SALUTE.
YOU HAVE MY HEARTFELT RESPECT.
YOU HAVE WITHSTOOD YOUR FEAR WELL.. YOU'RE ALL BRAVE SOLDIERS.
ONE MONTH LATER

KARANES DISTRICT

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

WE LED THE NEAREST TITANS SOME DISTANCE AWAY!!

THIRTY SECONDS TO GATE OPENING!!

ALMOST READY!

COM-MAN-DER !!

SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED !!

THIS IS IT!! NOW THE HUMAN RACE TAKES ANOTHER STEP FORWARD!!

RUMBLE

AD-VANCE !!

LAUNCH THE 57TH EXPEDITION OUTSIDE THE WALL!

OPEN THE GATE!!

RUMBLE RUMBLE

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP

CLOP CLOP CLOP !! CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

10-METER* CLASS TITAN APPROACHING FROM THE LEFT!!

* ABOUT 33 FEET.

WHUD

WHUD

DEFEND THE LINE TO THE DEATH!!

WHUD

WHOOSH

SHIT! ONE GOT PAST!

WHOOSH

DON'T FLINCH!! TRUST IN THE SUPPORT TEAM AND KEEP GOING!!

AAAAAH

HNH!!

ADVANCE!!

ADVANCE!!

GOP

GOP

GOP

GOP

GOP

GOP

GOP

GOP

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10. Survey Corps Horses

THE STABLE HORSES USED BY THE SURVEY CORPS ARE SELECTIVELY BRED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 160 CM (5 FEET 3 INCHES) TALL AND 450-500 KG (990-1,100 LBS). THEY CAN GET BY ON A SIMPLE DIET AND TRAVEL FOR MANY HOURS WITHOUT COMPLAINING. THESE HORSES HAVE A MILD TEMPERAMENT AND RARELY PANIC, EVEN WHEN CONFRONTED WITH TITANS. THEIR TOP SPEED IS BETWEEN 75-80 KPH (46-50 MPH), AND THEY CAN MAINTAIN A SWIFT 35 KPH (22 MPH) GALLOP. THE HORSES ARE TENACIOUS, ABLE TO MAINTAIN A FINE SPEED OF 20 KPH (12 MPH) EVEN WHEN PULLING A CARRIAGE. THEY AREN'T THE TITANS' DIRECT GOAL AND ARE ABLE TO OUTRUN THE TITANS ON FOOT, MAKING THEM THE ONLY METHOD OF ESCAPE. THESE HORSES ARE EXTREMELY VALUABLE. IN MONETARY TERMS, ONE IS WORTH AN AVERAGE PERSON'S LIFETIME INCOME. (WITH THANKS TO UKYŌ KODACHI AND KIYOMUNE MIWA)

...'TIL WE GET PAST THE ABANDONED TOWN. AFTER THAT-

THE SUPPORT TEAM WILL BACK US UP...

Episode 22: Long-Distance Enemy Scouting Formation

...WE'LL ORGANIZE INTO A GIANT FORMATION TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM THE TITANS.

THAT'S PRETTY FAR.

STANDING BY IN THE CENTER, FIVE COLUMNS BACK.

OUR TEAM, THE SPECIAL OPERA-TIONS SQUAD, IS RIGHT HERE.

...IS JUST A TRIAL RUN FOR THE REAL DEAL, GETTING YOU TO SHIGAN-SHINA DISTRICT.

REMEM-BER, THIS SHORT JAUNT OUTSIDE ...

...

OUR PURPOSE THIS TIME IS TO GO OUT A BIT AND COME BACK INTACT.

WE'RE GONNA GET MORE PROTECTION THAN EVEN THE SUPPLY WAGONS.

IT SHOULD BE THE SAFEST PLACE IN THE BATTLE FORMATION.

UM...

PROTECT EREN, AT ALL COSTS!

PROTECT HIM!

AREN'T WE GETTING A LITTLE BIT AHEAD OF OURSELVES ...?

I HAVEN'T BEEN TOLD YET WHAT TO DO WITH MY POWER, IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY...

HUH?

DID YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THE COMMANDER MEANT BY WHAT HE ASKED YOU BACK THEN?

...

I DIDN'T GET IT AT ALL EITHER.

NO.

UH-UH...

NOPE.

DID YOU GUYS UNDER-STAND IT?

EITHER WAY, OUR DUTY IS MERELY TO HEAD OUT, AND COME BACK.

TRUST IN THE COMMAND-ER.

BUT IF SO, THE COMMANDER HAS DECIDED THAT IT SHOULDN'T BE EXPLAINED TO THE RANK AND FILE.

MAYBE THERE'S A PURPOSE TO THIS MISSION APART FROM JUST GOING OUT AND COMING BACK ALIVE.

OKAY... LET'S HEAD BACK TO THE CASTLE.

ALL RIGHT, THIS IS FAR ENOUGH.

CHFF

CHFF

TRUST ...

...

... YES, SIR.

MM!

WILL THERE BE ANYONE I CAN RELY ON, NO MATTER WHAT...?

WILL I BE ABLE TO BUILD RELATION-SHIPS BASED ON TRUST, TOO...?

...BUT THEY REALLY DID JOIN UP...

I DIDN'T SEE WHO WAS LEFT AT THE END YESTER-DAY...

THERE THEY ARE...

!!

HEY!

ERWIN R. TWITCH

IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN SO LONG.

EREN!

OLUO, DO YOU MIND IF I TALK TO MY FELLOW TRAINEES A BIT?

TCH... GO AHEAD.

YOU CAN'T BE TALKING ABOUT CAPTAIN LEVI.

ONE OF THESE DAYS, I'LL TAKE HIM DOWN A PEG ...

...THAT SHORTY IS TOO FULL OF HIMSELF...

HAVE THEY HURT YOU AT ALL?

DID THEY GIVE YOU SOME SORT OF INVASIVE EXAMINATION? DID YOU SUFFER ANY MENTAL STRESS?

N-NO. NOTHING LIKE THAT.

EREN!

! YOU GUYS JOINED THE SURVEY CORPS, TOO?

MM?

...

THEN ONLY ANNIE, MARCO, AND JEAN WENT WITH THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE.

EVERYONE ELSE EITHER JOINED THE CORPS OR THE GARRISON...

!

MARCO'S DEAD.

CHFF

WHAT ...

-WAIT A SECOND ..

YOU SAID ...

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

JEAN ...?!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HIS LAST MOMENTS WERE LIKE... BUT HE WASN'T WEARING VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR...

APPARENTLY, NOT EVERYONE GETS TO HAVE A DRAMATIC DEATH.

...

MARCO'S ...

THUMP

...DEAD?

!

EREN ...

CHFF

AH ...

HE DIED, AND NOBODY WAS THERE TO SEE IT.

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT ABOUT?

EREN, I HEARD YOU TRIED TO KILL MIKASA WHEN YOU TURNED INTO A TITAN.

BUZZ

...

I'M NOT ASKING YOU!

EREN WAS TRYING TO SWAT A FLY...

WRONG.

...!

!

WHEN'D YOU GET IT?

MIKASA, THAT SCAR ON YOUR CHEEK LOOKS PRETTY DEEP.

IN OTHER WORDS, UNTIL NOW, YOU HAD NO IDEA YOU EVEN POSSESSED THIS TITAN POWER AND HAVE NO MEANS OF KEEPING IT UNDER CONTROL?

"SEEMS TO BE?" SO YOU HAVE NO MEMORY OF IT?

IT SEEMS TO BE TRUE... AFTER TURNING INTO A TITAN, I TRIED TO KILL MIKASA.

THAT'S ABOUT IT.

YEAH.

I GUESS THIS IS WHERE WE STAND.

DID YOU PEOPLE HEAR THAT?

THIS IS WHAT WE'LL DIE FOR, AND LIKE WITH MARCO, EREN WON'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT.

THIS IS WHAT OUR LIVES AND THE FATE OF HUMANITY RIDE ON.

...DRIVING EREN INTO A CORNER HERE?

WHAT'S THE SENSE IN...

...

JEAN ...

...

!!

WE'RE NOT ALL VOLUNTEERING TO DIE FOR EREN.

NOT EVERY-BODY IS LIKE YOU...

LOOK, MIKASA ...

...

OTHERWISE, WE MIGHT HESITATE IN A CRISIS.

ALL OF US, EREN INCLUDED, SHOULD KNOW...

...WHAT OUR LIVES ARE GOING TO BE USED FOR.

BUT WE'RE LOOKING TO EREN TO GIVE US SOMETHING IN RETURN.

AND LET US CAREFULLY APPRAISE ITS VALUE...

...SO WE CAN DECIDE WHETHER IT'S WORTH OUR LIVES.

THE END

GRAB

SERI-
OUSLY...

CHFF

...
EREN
...

!

SO...

...WE'RE
COUNTING
ON YOU.

CLOP

CLOP

OKAY
...

CLOP

CLOP

O...

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOPCLOP CLOP CLOP

LISTEN, YOU LITTLE SHIT... AN EXPLOR-ATORY EXPEDI-TION...

WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN DOING THIS PAST MONTH?!

WHAT ?

OLUO! DO YOU THINK MY OLD CO-TRAINEES CAN BEAT THE TITANS?

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

NGH!!

HI

CHOMP

...IS ALL ABOUT **NOT** ENGAGING THE TITANS!

YOU NEW RECRUITS HAVE ONE MONTH TO LEARN THIS "LONG-DISTANCE ENEMY SCOUTING FORMATION" BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS.

THIS IS THE PLAN COM-MANDER ERWIN DEVISED.

THANKS TO THIS FORMA-TION, OUR SURVIVAL RATE HAS RISEN DRAMATICALLY.

DEPLOY !!

FWISH

LONG-DISTANCE ENEMY SCOUTING FORMA-TION!!

CLOP-CLOP CLOP-CLOP CLOP-CLOP CLOP-CLOP CLOP-CLOP CLOP-CLOP CLOP-CLOP CLOP-CLOP

SECOND COLUMN, CENTER: COMMAND

SOLDIERS ARE SPREAD OUT OVER A LONG DISTANCE WITH A SEMICIRCULAR FORMATION IN FRONT, BUT YOU'RE SPACED OUT EVENLY TO ENSURE YOU CAN SEE IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

THIRD COLUMN, THIRD: COMMUNICATIONS

FIFTH COLUMN, CENTER: ON STANDBY

SECOND COLUMN, THIRD: COMMUNICATIONS

AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, SPREAD OUT ENEMY SCOUTING, COMMUNICATIONS, AND THE PERIMETER.

SECOND COLUMN, FOURTH: COMMUNICATIONS

THIRD COLUMN, FOURTH: COMMUNICATIONS

YOU'LL BE IN CHARGE OF COMMUNICA-TIONS AND KEEPING PACE WITH THE SPARE HORSES.

...IN BETWEEN THE WAGON SUPPORT TEAM AND THE SCOUTING SUPPORT TEAM.

YOU NEW RECRUITS WILL BE RIGHT HERE...

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

HUH ?

PRIMARILY, IT'S THE ENEMY SCOUTS IN THE FIRST COLUMN WHO COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE TITANS.

WHOAAA

FOOOOOOSSSHH

FOOOOOOSSSHH

FOOOOOOSSSHH

THIS WAY, COMMANDER ERWIN, WHO LEADS FROM THE FRONT, WILL KNOW THE TITAN'S POSITION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

WHEN YOU SEE A FLARE, YOU FIRE OFF YOUR OWN TO PASS ON THE WARNING.

TO INFORM THE WHOLE FORMATION OF THE DIRECTION, EVERYONE FIRES OFF A GREEN FLARE TOWARDS THE NEW COURSE.

FOOOOOOSSSHH

THIS SIGNAL MEANS THE ENTIRE CAMP IS ALTERING ITS COURSE AND HEADING IN A NEW DIRECTION.

THEN, THE COMMANDER WILL FIRE OFF A GREEN FLARE.

SEE, MOST TITANS CAN'T MATCH THE PROLONGED RUNNING SPEED OF HORSES.

EMPLOYING THIS SYSTEM ALLOWS THE COMPANY TO HEAD FOR ITS DESTINATION WHILE AVOIDING CONTACT WITH TITANS.

HOWEVER, THEY'RE NOT EASILY OUTWITTED LIKE THIS EVERY TIME.

AND WHEN A TITAN'S ENERGY IS SPENT, ITS MOVEMENTS BECOME EXTREMELY SLUGGISH, DEPENDING ON THE INDIVIDUAL.

OR THEY MAY BE DETECTED TOO LATE DUE TO THE LAY OF THE LAND OR OBSTACLES... A TITAN HAS SOMETIMES MADE IT TO THE MIDDLE OF THE FORMATION.

AGAIN, TITANS HAVE INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES. THERE ARE SOME THAT CAN EXCEED A HORSE'S RUNNING SPEED IN SHORT BURSTS.

IN THAT CASE, THE FORMATION IS IN DANGER OF BEING DIVIDED OR EVEN DESTROYED... OF COURSE, HEAVY LOSSES WOULD ENSUE.

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

GOTTA SHOOT OFF A RED FLARE ...

AH!

SECOND COLUMN, THIRD: COMMUNICATIONS

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

UNGH !!

RIDE THIS WAY!

SASHA, OVER HERE!

OVER HERE, ASS-HOLE!!

FWISH

CLOP CLOP CLOP

SHFFFFFFF

!!

KAK KAK KAK KAK KAK KAK KAK KAK KAK KAK

CRASH

YES, SQUAD LEAD-ER!

RETURN TO YOUR STATION. THIS ONE'S OUT OF JUICE.

...ONLY APPLY TO THE "NORMALS," WHOSE BEHAVIOR IS EASY TO PREDICT.

NOW, ALL OF THESE TACTICS...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE THE RED SIGNAL WAS SENT, BUT THE FORMATION IS STILL IN CHAOS

STRANGE...

...

OH, NO...

WHUD

WHUD

WHUD

...!

WHUD

THAT'S...

!!

FOOOOSSHH

FOOOOSSHH

THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! THIS ONE'S–

KACHA

IT'S IGNORING THE NEARBY HUMANS AND HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE CENTER OF THE FORMATION?!

A BLACK FLARE ?!

HYOOOOO

...AN ABNORMAL!

WHUD

WHUD

WHUD

WHUD

WE'VE GOT TO KILL IT!

DAMM-IT!

HI-

KACHA

WHEN IT COMES TO THE ABNORMALS AND THEIR UNPREDICTABLE BEHAVIOR, THERE'S NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT!

ROGER!

I'LL GET IT TO STOP!!

WHUD

WHUD

SISS! YOU GET THE NECK!!

FWISH

STILL.. I CAN'T LET IT BREAK THE FORMATION. AS SOON AS I BRING THAT THING DOWN, WE'VE GOTTA FINISH IT OFF!

PLUS I COULD BE SEPARATED FROM THE GROUP.

MY CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING IS EXTREMELY LOW, AND I'LL BE THROWN FROM MY HORSE.

VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR DOESN'T REALLY WORK WELL ON LEVEL GROUND.

LOOKS LIKE ARMIN'S OVER THERE ...

I DON'T WANT THE NEWBIES TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THESE THINGS JUST YET...

HOW'S IT GONNA LOOK IF I CAN'T PULL IT OFF?!

WHUD

WHUD

IT'S WHAT I TAUGHT THE RE-CRUITS ...

WHUD

FGSSS

SHOOSH

CHIFFFFFF

THUK

K-K-K-

HUNH !!

WHEEEEE

SHK

WHUMP

WOBBLE

NOW!!

SISS !!

FWISH

WHUMP

CHIFFFFFF

WHOOSH

WHUD

SQUAD LEADER NESS!

YOU DID IT!

OW ...

WOBBLE WOBBLE

I GOT IT...?

THAT'S MY GIRL!

YOU CAME BACK FOR ME, HUH...?

NEIGH

...!

HM?

WHUD

WHUD

...IT'S PROBABLY ANOTHER ABNORMAL.

WHUD

WELL, IF IT IGNORED THEM AND IS JUST COMING THIS WAY...

WHAT THE HELL ARE THE RIGHT FLANK SCOUTS DOING?

ANOTHER ONE?

...

STILL ...

FWISH

YES, SIR!

RIGHT, GUESS WE HAVE NO CHOICE... SAME OPERATION, ONE MORE TIME, SISS!

TWICE IN A ROW... WHAT LOUSY LUCK...

THIS IS GONNA BE TOUGH

?!

AND THAT LOOKS TO BE A 14-METER* CLASS.

* ABOUT 46 FEET.

GOOSH

GOOSH

GOOSH

IT'S MOVING TOO FAST!!

WHAT IS THAT?!

FOO OOSSHH

WHUD WHUD WHUD WHUD

SHIT!

NO...!! THEY'RE RIGHT IN ITS PATH!!

WHUD

AAAAAH!

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

IT'S HEAD-ING FOR ARMIN ...

!!

RIGHT !

SISS !!

DON'T LET IT GO!

FIGHT

0000

FIGHT

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パシ SQUISH

WHIZZZZZZ

JERK

HUH?

?!

WHOOOSH

K-SLAM

Clop Clop Clop

NO ...

CLOP

CLOP

IT'S NOT ...

THAT'S NOT AN ABNOR-MAL!

SQUAD LEADER NESS, PLEASE TELL ME.

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT IS THAT?!

IT'S NOT A NORM-AL..

...OR AN AB-NORMAL!

THAT ONE ...

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

...IS INTELLI-GENT!

LIKE THE COLOS-SUS TITAN...

... THE AR-MORED TITAN ...

...AND EREN!

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

I'M GONNA DIE, TOO!! IT'S GONNA KILL ME!!

WHAT DO I DO?!

THIS IS BAD !!

GLOP

GLOP

GLOP

GLOP

GLOP

GLOP

GLOP

THEN IT MUST BE A HUMAN IN THE BODY OF A TITAN!!

B- BUT WHO ...?!

WHY?! WHY WOULD ANYONE DO THIS?!

GLOP

GLOP

SPSH

SPSH

FIRST COLUMN, TENTH:
SCOUTS

TELL THE OTHERS ...

SOME-BODY...

WHUD

S...

A FEMALE-TYPE... LED A HORDE OF TITANS HERE...

WHUD

... WIPED OUT...

RIGHT FLANK... SCOUTING SQUAD IS NEARLY...

THE FORMA-TION... IS GONNA BE DE-STROY-ED...

... WE'LL BE... ANNIHI-LATED ...!

ISN'T ANYBODY... LEFT...?

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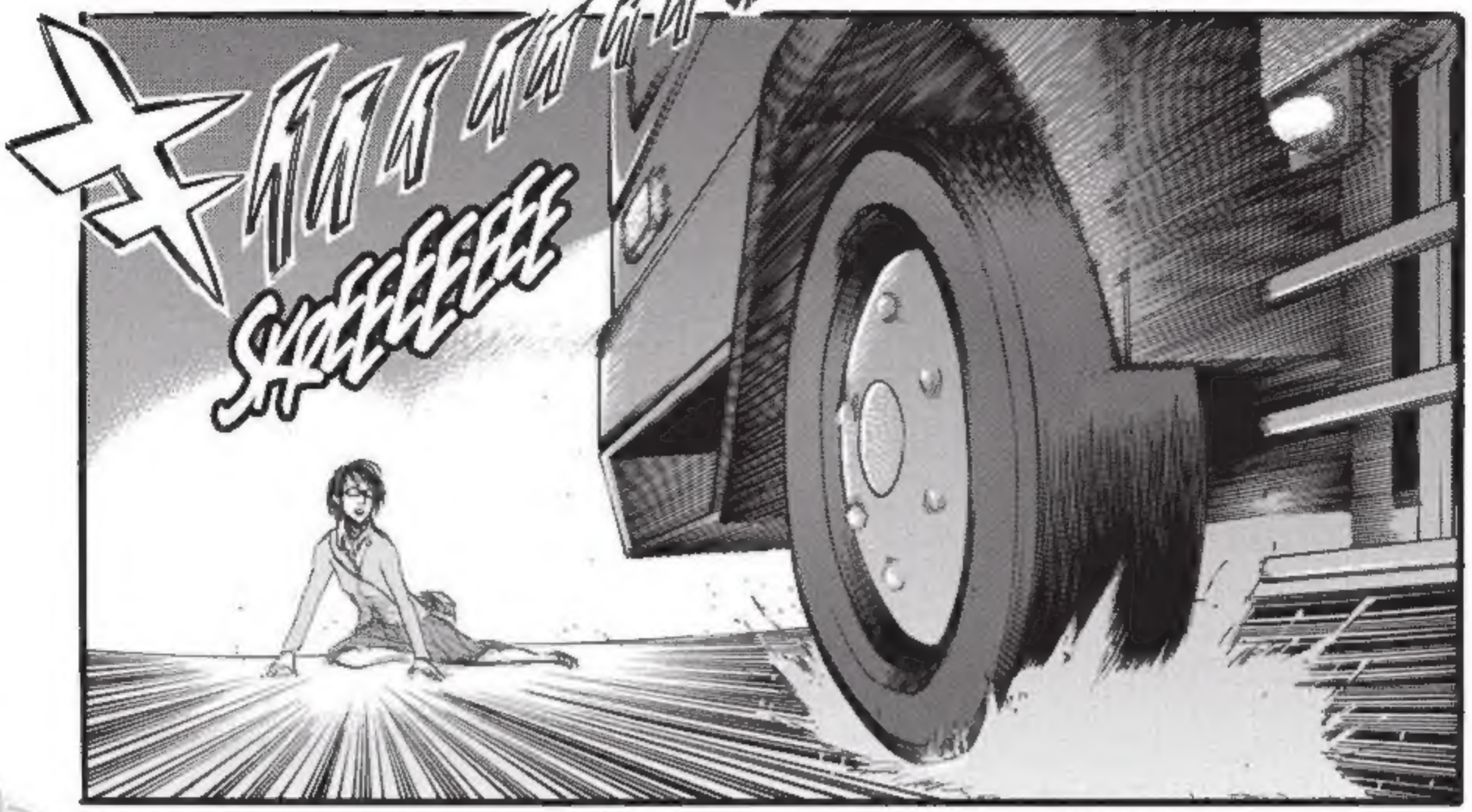
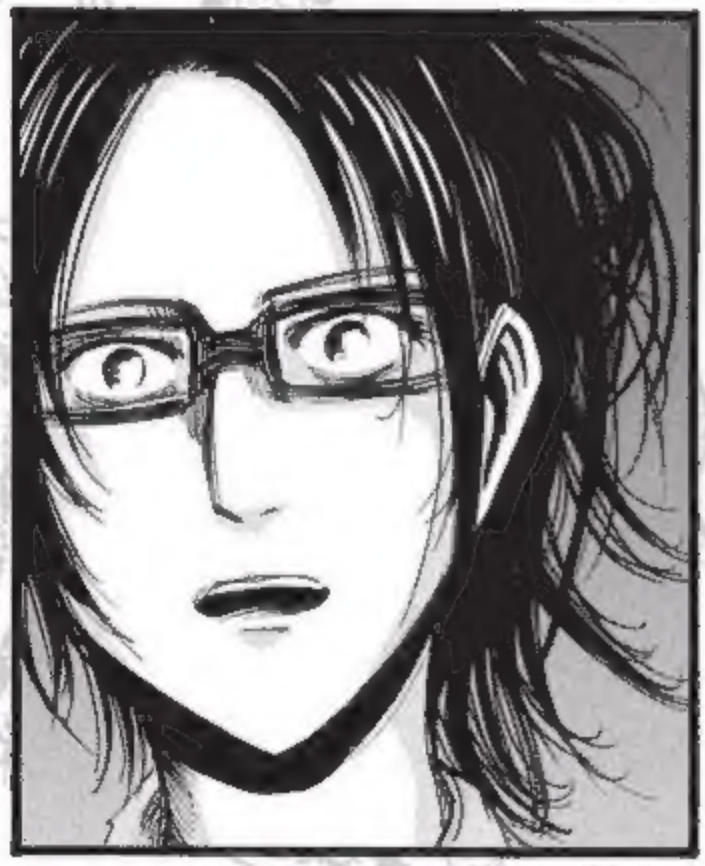
Their meeting that transcended race...

BRINGS A MIRACLE INTO THE WORLD!

SEPTEMBER 2013! (REALLY!)





A LOVE THAT OVERCAME TABOO

* Not a real preview.

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Translation Notes

YMIR, PAGE 12 [12.5]

NO SPOILERS HERE, BUT IN NORSE MYTHOLOGY, YMIR WAS THE PRIMEVAL GIANT SLAIN BY ODIN AND HIS BROTHERS. THEY CREATED THE EARTH FROM HIS BODY AND THE SEA FROM HIS BLOOD.